

WORK EIGHT HOURS ON NEW BATTLESHIP

Mr. Post Says Yard Will Not Attempt to Test Provision in Law.

OFFICERS HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT GETTING CONTRACT

Award is Expected To Be Made Within Two Weeks—Only That Part of Force Employed on Dreadnaught Will Be Put on Eight-hour Day. Three Years Required.

"TEXAS" AND "NEW YORK" NAMES OF DREADNAUGHTS.

"Texas" and "New York" will be the names of the two new battleships to be built at the local yard by the last congress. The ship to be constructed at the local yard will be christened the "Texas" and the one to be built at New York will be christened the "New York." There are two warships in the navy bearing these names at this time. The Texas is a second-class battleship on the reserve list and she will be re-named "San Marcos" in honor of a Texas city. The armored cruiser bearing the name "New York" will be re-named "Manhattan."

That the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company will proceed to build the latest battleship for the United States navy under the eight-hour law passed by the last congress and that the entire force at the company's plant will not be put on an eight-hour day were the statements last night of General Manager Walter A. Post, of the shipyard, who returned here yesterday morning from Washington, where he attended the opening of the bids on the "Dreadnaught" authorized by the last congress to be built in a private shipyard.

Mr. Post emphatically denied the reports contained in a dispatch from Washington yesterday that the local yard will test the constitutionality of the act of congress providing for the construction of the battleship on an eight-hour day basis and in the meantime will proceed to construct the ship on the ten-hour day system. He said that the eight-hour proviso will be carried out by the company and the men employed in the building of the new ship will work but eight hours a day.

Details Not Worked Out. When asked how the yard would operate the proposed new system of an eight-hour day on the battleship, Mr. Post stated that the details had not yet been worked out and that he could make no statement on that matter at this time.

There were some here who believed that when the work was started on the new battleship the entire yard would be put on an eight-hour day scale, but such will not be the case. It was pointed out that the company could not do this because it will then be building several vessels on which it bid under a ten-hour day system, and to reduce the length of the work day and pay the men ten hours pay for eight hours work would mean the loss of money on those contracts.

Under "Piece Work" Plan. While the officials of the yard have not even intimated how the eight-hour system will be put into operation, there are some here who believe that the battleship will be constructed entirely under the "piece work" system. Under that system an employee is paid for the actual amount of work done and the workmen can make as much money in eight hours' work under the

system as he could under a ten-hour pay by the day system. Among the officials of the yard there seems to be no doubt that the local plant will be awarded the contract for the battleship at one of the four bids it submitted. Which one of the bids will be accepted is wholly problematical. But it is possible that the bid of \$5,760,000 for Parsons' turbine engines with government plans of hull will be the tender accepted by the navy department.

Increases the Costs. The proviso of congress that the ship shall be built under an eight-hour day system means that this battleship will cost considerably more than it would have cost under the nine-hour and ten-hour day systems now in force at the yard. Another consideration in the high bid was the fact that this vessel is much larger than any yet contracted for by the navy department. While her hull and machinery will cost only \$5,760,000, when she is commissioned she will represent a total investment of more than \$10,000,000, as her armor and armament will cost in the millions.

It is expected that the contract for the ship will be signed up within the next few weeks and the expectations are that work on the vessel will begin in earnest about the first of the year. Special stocks must be constructed on the north side of the yard before the ship's keel plates can be laid down.

Three Years For Completion. In its bid the Newport News Company asks for thirty-six months' time in which to complete the ship. Only thirty months were required for the completion of the battleship Delaware, the first "Dreadnaught" built in the United States, but she was the first battleship constructed in America to be finished in less than thirty-six months.

SOCIAL PERSONAL

The Misses Barham delightfully entertained the "E. T. W. Club" Thursday evening at their apartments in "The Huston," 134 Thirty-fourth street.

Miss Lucy Moss entertained the Young People's Circle of the Twenty-fourth Street Church of Christ at their home in East End Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lane Lacy, on the Boulevard, has as her guest Miss Nell Sutton, of Richmond.

Mrs. W. S. Copeland, who has been visiting relatives in Richmond, has returned home.

Col. Robert Pegram Holt has been called to Sussex county by the sudden illness of his mother, Mrs. M. O. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Peyser, of Phoenix, Ariz., are the guests of Mr. Elias Peyser, on West avenue. Mr. Peyser is the general agent of the Nat Reiss Shows.

Miss Grizel Mullen has returned to her home in Petersburg after a visit to Mrs. Lane Lacy, on the Boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Lipman, of 514 Twenty-fifth street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Minnie, to Mr. Augustus Levin, of Philadelphia.

The Misses Barham, on Thirty-fourth street, have as their guest Miss Jessie Whitehurst, of Norfolk.

Miss Ivy May Taylor has returned from a visit to relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. B. Moreland, who has been visiting in Washington, D. C., has returned home.

Rev. L. E. Groseclose has returned from a visit to Washington, D. C.

AUTO AND WAGON COLLIDE.

Richmond City Officials and Visitors Have Narrow Escape.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 2.—Mayor Richardson, of this city; Mayor Egan, of Birmingham, Ala.; Alexander Rogers, president of the board of aldermen of Birmingham and H. J. Cohn, superintendent of Richmond's street cleaning department, narrowly escaped death or serious injury here today in a collision between an automobile, in which the gentlemen were seated, and a wagon, driven by a drunken negro.

The automobile was partly wrecked, the wagon was broken in several places and the horse was severely cut by splintered glass, but luckily none of the persons in the smashup were injured.

The officials were returning from a trip to Richmond's new incinerator, which the Alabamians came here to inspect.

Ordered to Norfolk.

(Special to The Daily Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The Paducah, now enroute from the New York navy yard to Guantanamo bay, Cuba, has been directed by wireless to proceed to the Norfolk, Va., navy yard for necessary repairs.

Larceny is Charged.

William Cooper, a negro, who was wanted by the local police on the charge of larceny, was arrested in Hampton yesterday afternoon by the police of that city and brought back here last night by Detective Sergeant Reynolds. He is accused of stealing some clothes from another negro.

Scientific Analysis.

"No-acresit can be a humorist." "Why not?" "Because his main concern is one of gravity." —Baltimore American.

New Store opens tomorrow night 8 o'clock with a big dinner.

(Continued on Third Page.)

WATER ORDINANCE NOT RECOMMENDED

Councilman Harris' Measure Unfavorably Reported by Highways Committee.

MR. LIVEZEY PRESENTS FIGURES ON COMPANY

Records Introduced to Demonstrate That Community is Getting Water at Cheapest Possible Rate—Street Sweeper Purchased—Want Cars Stopped on "Near Side."

After a rather lengthy discussion of the proposed measure, during the course of which statements were heard from Walter R. Livezey, auditor of the Newport News Light & Water Company, and Mayor Maryus Jones, the city council committee on health last night recommended to the council that it do not adopt Councilman Harris' ordinance requiring water companies to furnish all of their consumers in this city with meters to register the consumption of water and reducing the amount of the advanced payment by consumers from \$4 per quarter to \$1.50 per quarter. Mr. Harris voted against the return of the measure with an unfavorable report, the vote being four to one. He insisted that the people should be required to pay only for what they use. Nelson and Jackson, Cooke and Royner voted in the affirmative. Action upon this measure was deferred for a month at the last meeting of the committee so that representatives of the water company might be present. Mr. Livezey appeared for the company and spoke at length. In the very outset he announced that his company "recognizes neither the right nor authority of the council to regulate by ordinance its operations, or fix its rates," and more than intimated that if the measure was passed the matter would be taken to the courts for final settlement. He said that the principle involved in the method of charging by his company was one long recognized and had been upheld time and again by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Many Facts and Figures.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Livezey gave many facts and figures showing that his company has not realized one cent of returns in the way of dividends paid to stockholders on the investment of \$1,559,500, which the company has made in establishing its plant. This investment is represented, he said, by a capital stock of \$480,500, first mortgage bonds bearing five per cent interest \$964,000 and a floating debt of \$106,000 in notes. He declared that the net earnings from the operations of eighteen years amounted to \$15,288.61, or less than an average of \$1,000 per year.

By way of conclusion, Mr. Livezey said that "the Newport News Light & Water Company has always been an essential factor to the development of this community. It has quite recently been considered an essential factor in connection with a large industrial development plan for this section. The interested parties in these plans, on investigation, were satisfied of the engineering and physical ability of this company to expand to meet their requirements. The financial ability to provide for large physical development is yet to be determined. It can only be accomplished with the co-operation of the council and the people of this community."

Would Hurt City.

Mayor Jones told the council that but at this time much depends upon the ability of the water company to develop its plant and that he would strongly urge that the council take no action that would in any way tend to embarrass or hinder the company in this undertaking and the consequent development of the whole city. When the mayor had concluded, Councilman Cooke showed the committee a copy of the water ordinance of the city of Richmond showing that there the consumers pay the same rates and the same advance payment as here. It was shown that the cost of producing the water in Richmond was much cheaper than the cost in Newport News.

After some further discussion, Mr. Cooke moved that the measure go back to the council with the recommendation that it be not adopted and Joseph Reynier seconded the motion.

Rescued Part of Ordinance.

By a unanimous vote, the committee decided to send to the council an ordinance repealing the ordinance recently adopted requiring all of the city employees to go to the treasurer's office for their pay on Saturdays in so far as that ordinance applied to employees of the health department. Superintendent of Garbage Harris explained to the committee that the men who collect garbage lose two hours from work each Saturday by reason of the fact that they must get to the office of the treasurer before 12 o'clock, noon, to get their pay. This loss of time represented a loss to the city per year in dollars and cents of approximately \$200, he said. Dr. Jeffery, the city health officer, was given authority to purchase a larger supply of anti-toxin than he has heretofore been keeping on hand.

Visit the New Store.

Just try G. B. S. Special.

MORE BUILDINGS FOUND WITHOUT FIRE ESCAPES

Names of Four More Property Owners Added to List of Twenty-seven Who Must Appear in Court.

Fire Chief W. K. Stow and Police Chief T. A. Mitchell have found four more buildings in the city which are not equipped with fire escapes as required by law and the owners of the structures will be summoned to appear in police court along with the twenty-seven others, summonses for which are now being issued. It is expected that many of the thirty-one property owners will be summoned today and it is probable that all of their cases will be heard by Justice Brown early next week.

The additional buildings which were found to be without fire escapes were the Senate hotel, 2501 Jefferson avenue, a large three-story frame tenement house at Huntingdon avenue and Forty-fifth street and the "Bell House," a negro tenement house on Twenty-third street. It was reported to the authorities yesterday that "The Clinton" apartments, West avenue and Thirty-third street, also are without a fire escape, and that matter will be investigated today.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS RETURN TO THEIR HOMES

Hon. Harry St. George Tucker Declines to Make Any Statement About Senatorial Contest.

After spending the night in this city, Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, of Norfolk, former Governor of Virginia, and Congressman John Lamb, of Richmond, Hon. Lyon G. Tyler, president of William & Mary College, Williamsburg, and Chairman W. McDonald Lee, of the State Fisheries commission, who were among the guests at the annual social session of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday night, left for their homes yesterday morning. John A. Fox, of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, who also was a guest at the session, returned to Washington, D. C., and Agricultural Commissioner George W. Koerner also returned to Richmond. While here Mr. Tucker declined to make any statement regarding the senatorial primary fight next summer, but many of his friends believe that he will enter the race against Senator Martin.

INMATE OF ALMSHOUSE HAS \$650 WALKING STICK

William M. Ward Has Recently Spent \$20 "Improving" Cane—Commission to Sit in His Case.

According to Superintendent Wright, William Ward, an inmate of the city almshouse in Elizabeth City county, carries a cane that has cost him \$650 and which is one of the handsomest sticks he has ever seen. He declares that the man has spent \$20 "improving" the stick since he has been in the almshouse. Ward, it is said, carries the cane around in his hands and every now and then exclaims "she is the darling of the world."

By direction of the committee on almshouse and poor, Ward will be arrested on a charge of larceny and a commission will sit in his case.

NEGROES GO TO JAIL.

"Film-Flammers" Given Long Terms by Justice Brown.

Charles Wilbur and Robert Mason, the negroes who were arrested Thursday afternoon on the charge of robbing an old negro named Jackson of \$1.60, were given long jail sentences by Justice Brown yesterday. Wilbur was sentenced for six months and required to give a bond of \$500 for six months more. He could not furnish the bond and will have to serve a year in jail. Mason was sentenced to four months in jail and required to furnish a bond of \$250 for four additional months, making his sentence eight months in all.

Consider Unioning Churches.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 2.—The joint commission of 27, representing the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Protestant and the Southern Methodist churches, which has been for the past three days considering proposals looking to a possible union of the churches named, or a closer relation between them, adjourned tonight after having appointed a committee of nine to further consider the matter.



Shall we Rejoice

Gladdness comes with a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical life which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed and assisted by the pleasant laxative remedy Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. To get its beneficial effects always buy the genuine manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

Visit the New Store.

Just try G. B. S. Special.

AMUSEMENTS

"Snorky," a playlet in one act and four scenes, will be presented at the Academy of Music today by the Johnson players matinee and night for the last time. Starting Monday the Johnson players will begin a new engagement here and will appear in some shows that are said to be pleasing.

Besides the one-act playlet, the vaudeville acts and moving picture program will be carried out today. The usual prizes of toys and gold will be given at the matinee and night performances today.

\$3.50 Relieve Cures Weak Kidneys, Free

Relieves Urinary and Kidney Troubles, Backache, Straining, Swelling, Etc.

Stops Pain in the Bladder, Kidneys and Back.

Wouldn't it be nice within a week or so to begin to say goodbye forever to the scalding, dribbling, straining, or too frequent passage of urine; the aches; the stitches and pains in the back; the growing muscle weakness; spots before the eyes; yellow skin; sluggish bowels; swollen eyelids or ankles; leg cramps; unnatural short breath; sleeplessness and the despondency?

I have a recipe for these troubles that you can depend on, and if you want to make a quick recovery, you ought to write and get a copy of it. Many a doctor would charge you \$3.50 just for writing this prescription, but I have it and will be glad to send it to you entirely free. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, K. 1685 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send it by return mail in a plain envelope. As you will see when you get it, this recipe contains only pure, harmless remedies, but it has great healing and pain-conquering power.

It will quickly show its power once you use it, so I think you had better see what it is without delay. I will send you a copy free—you can use it and cure yourself at home.

HULL & HULL

GRADUATE OPTICIANS PROMPT SERVICE 135 Twenty-sixth St., Newport News



and WOOD

cord Pine Wood \$1.7
cord Mixed Wood \$1.80
cord Oak Wood \$1.85

No Extra Charge for Splitting. All coal well screened and kept under sheds, both wood and coal being delivered perfectly dry.

Distilled Ice, Co.

35th St. and C. & O. Ry. Bell Phone 38. City Phone 308.

Capital Dry Goods House

THE DEPENDABLE STORE 2910-2912 Washington Ave.

Scarfs and Center Pieces

Embroidered and Hemstitched Scarfs and Shams—neat designs.

Special, 25c each

Scarfs & Shams

Made of fine quality of Linene, beautifully Embroidered designs, representing flowers, scrolls, etc.

Special, 50 cents

Fine Linen Scarfs & Center Pieces

Very handsome designs, in Drawn Work and Embroidered Center Patterns—hemstitched edges. Specially priced at

98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.50

WATCH FOR THE \$100.00 Gold Prize

Watt, Doxey & Watt Watt, Doxey & Watt

Matheson's Blended Tea

We have regular Tea customers in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond and Norfolk, who use Matheson's Tea regularly. One customer in Richmond writes us:

The Tea sent me is equal to any \$1.00 Tea I have ever used.

Try a half pound package. You will find it better flavor and more economical than the Tea you are using—50c a lb.

WATT, DOXEY & WATT

2909-11 Washington Ave. Newport News, Virginia

Woman's Friend!

ANTISEPTIC POWDER AND SYRINGE

for MOTHERS and DAUGHTERS, a safe and efficient remedy for female complaints. It's daily use will cure that heavy bearing down weight in the vaginal region, and stop that awful backache, so common among women. It tones up the general system by removing the heavy DRAIN caused from Leucorrhoea (or whites). Its use after periods is most beneficial. Removes odor from feet and armpits. Sold by drug stores, 25 and 50 cents, fully guaranteed.

SYRINGE, \$1.00

AMPLE GUARANTEE

The resources of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK, of Newport News, are ample guarantee of its financial strength. Your account and banking business invited.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

United States Depository. Newport News, Va. CAPITAL, \$100,000; SURPLUS, \$100,000.

Wise Men LEARN From the Experience of Others--

Why wait for the Thief or Fire to rob you of your hard earned Savings. DEPOSIT THEM IN THE

CITIZENS & MARINE BANK

Where they will not only be safe but earn you 4 Per Cent. Interest. Today is the Time; Tomorrow May Be Too Late.

THIS IS

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

We are going to sell FOR CASH ONLY, during a period of THIRTY DAYS, a limited number of lots in the territory between Fifth and Fifty-eighth streets at

EXCEEDINGLY LOW PRICES

Don't Neglect This Opportunity.

Call at Our Office at Once and Talk It Over.

Old Dominion Land Co.

Hotel Warwick Building.

Newport News, Virginia.

TISIT

WILL CURE ANY CASE OF CONSTIPATION THAT IS CURABLE.

Don't lose hope—TISIT assists nature in bringing about a cure by removing the cause. A 10c box will prove this to you. 10 tablets, 10c; 40 tablets, 25c. Mothers find these tablets pleasant and effective for their children. A trial will be sent, free, on request to N. BEMIS COMPANY, Washington, D. C.

The Hotel Newport

for your meals or your room. Prices and quality guaranteed

THOMAS J. HUNDLEY Proprietor

PENDANTS

DAME FASHION SAYS ANYTHING for THE NECK!

So we have a great many beautiful designs to select from—Diamonds, Pearls, Rubies and on through the entire list of precious stones.

Locketts and Crosses are always favorites and we have plenty of these, too.

THE BEST ENGRAVING IN THE CITY.

Flory-Royall Co., Inc. 2711 Washington Ave. Newport News, Va.

COOK WITH GAS

COOK WITH GAS